



**Lexington Center Streetscape  
Meeting Notes PA #10092.00**

**Date:** 6 June 2011

<b>Attendees:</b>	Maryann McCall Taylor	Planning Director
	Carl Valente	Town Supervisor
	Bill Hadley	Director of Public Works
	John Livsey P.E.	Town Engineer
	Manny Ferro	Police Department
	Jay Emperor	Pressley Associates

**Materials**

- A. Large color air photo of two options
- B. Project schedule
- C. Meeting Agenda

**Discussion**

1. Review of two remaining options:

It was discussed that parts of both plans can be combined, and they are not all or nothing presentations.

Option A:

- Four lanes of traffic through retail area
- Raised planted median on Mass Ave near Town offices
- Widened sidewalks along south side of Mass Ave

Option B:

- One wide lane of traffic with dedicated turning lane in retail area
- Flush median (brick or cobble, etc) on Mass Ave near Town offices
- Some sidewalks widened on south side of Mass Ave
- New brick sidewalks from Merriam Street to Woburn Street
- Additional trees planted in civic area



2. Discussion of Design Issues
  - A. Design elements with consensus:
    - Realign Woburn Street Intersection
    - Relocate existing crosswalks to better locations as needed
    - Add bump-outs at crosswalk locations
    - Close Bank of America vehicular access off of Mass Ave
    - Apply shared bike/vehicle lane markers
  - B. Items with a generally positive response:
    - New medians with flush pavement
    - Widening of the south side sidewalk
    - Tour bus parking on Merriam Street
    - Re-open public parking lot exit onto Merriam Street
  - C. Major undecided issues:
    - Four lanes vs. two lanes with dedicated turning lanes
    - Left on Edison to Mass. Ave/ Two-way Edison Way
    - Relocating mailboxes
    - Moving two bus stops
3. Traffic Studies
  - A. The team felt that in order to move forward with either design a 'SIMS' traffic study would be needed to determine feasibility and impact of Mass Ave lane changes.
  - B. Need traffic counts from Lexington Place condominiums from a few years back.
  - C. Jon Livsey will head up getting prices to complete the SIMS modeling.
4. Next Steps
  - A. North side sidewalk design taken to Schematic Design level
  - B. Survey of existing conditions can be initiated. Pressley will wait until after Board of Selectmen meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup> for further direction.